

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Christopher Penaloza
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Field Operations

Years of Service with the County: 3 Years.

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

It is with great appreciation and admiration that Deputy Christopher Penaloza be recognized for his outstanding commitment to public safety and service.

On 12 November 2025, while off duty, Deputy Penaloza demonstrated exceptional professionalism and dedication to his role as a law enforcement officer when he assisted Investigator Acosta with a DWI. Due to the potentially dangerous nature of this call, Deputy Penaloza did not hesitate to intervene even though he was not officially on duty. Deputy Penaloza was able to successfully conduct the DWI investigation in Spanish due to a language barrier. Shortly after, it was determined the driver was intoxicated and was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

This commendation serves as a recognition of Deputy Penaloza's unwavering dedication in keeping our community safe, regardless of whether he is on or off duty. Deputy Penaloza is a member of the Collin County SWAT team and is one of our three K9 units assigned to Field Operations. His exemplary behavior serves as shining example of why he serves on this elite units. He is also an example for other deputies to follow and we are proud he is a valued member of our team.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 17th day of Nov, 2025

Jim Skinner
Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner, Sheriff
Printed Name